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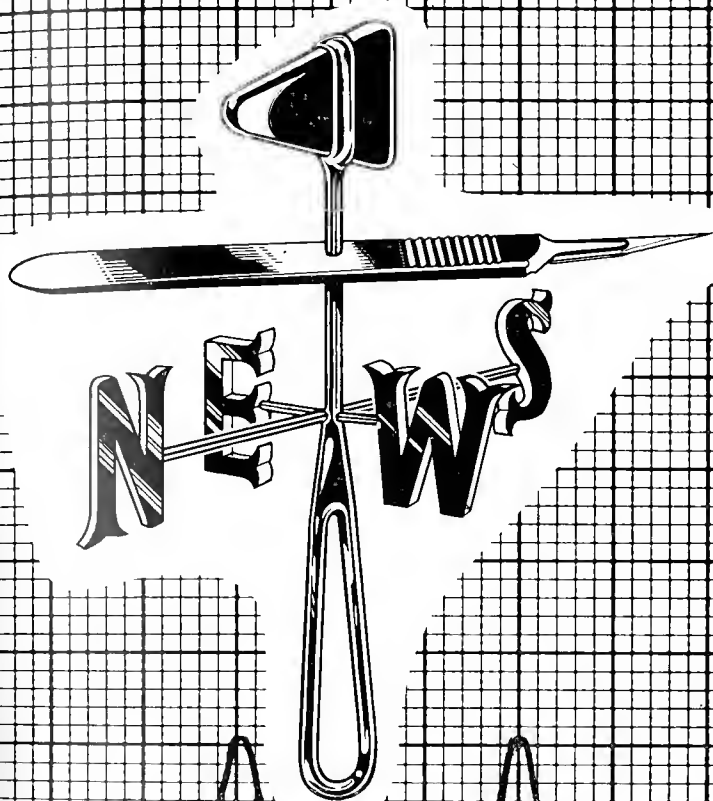
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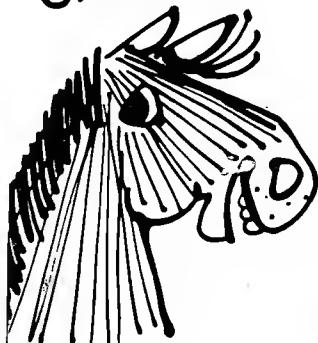
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From the Desk of the President

A few Sundays ago the physicians of Mahoning County participated in a medical "first". With the Lederle Laboratories sponsoring the days' expenses plus the Mahoning County Medical Society and Mahoning Chapter of the Academy of General Practice combining to obtain speakers and to publicize the program, a most successful day resulted. More than 150 physicians plus 100 wives attended a day of fascinating peeks into the future of cancer therapy.

Among the visiting physicians were doctors as far away as Cleveland and Pittsburgh. Summit County and Stark County were well represented. Where were you? We looked everywhere—even at the free luncheon—but couldn't find you. Some of your fellow practitioners were there, but you weren't.

Was it because of the day? All of those who attended thought Sunday was a good day for a meeting. A number of them took the time to say so.

Could it have been that you already knew all about the subject material? If so, you are above average. What do you know about V.A.M.P.? How deep does a Laser beam penetrate? What about the Rand vaccine? What can we look for in the future?

A number of the visitors have asked us to try to have another similar all-day program next year. This is your invitation to attend, participate, and to benefit both yourself and your patient.

At our last county medical society meeting no business could be conducted because of the lack of a quorum. Several months ago the business of a meeting had to be suspended because a large enough number of our doctors developed chair fatigue and went home, thus reducing the number present to less than the Constitutional minimum required to carry on the business of the Society.

The matter of poor attendance at meetings of all kinds is endemic and has been so for a long time. Doctors are no different from the rest of our population. Very few people like to go to meetings. Organizations of all kinds are aware of this fact, are concerned about it, and have not come up with the answer other than our Hospital Staffs which make attendance mandatory.

When our medical society cannot conduct its necessary business because the absence of so many is overwhelmingly more important than is the presence of the few who care enough to come, it becomes a matter of vital interest to all, the absent ones as well as those present.

The Constitution and By-Laws of our County Medical Society is most democratic. It is so worded that essentially it is the membership-at-large which runs its activities. It has a large Council to do its mental leg work, but final decisions lie with the general membership. By the same token it is necessary for that general membership to be present to act on matters of necessity.

When we join the Mahoning County Medical Society, we do so voluntarily. No one says we have to belong. However, once we have joined, we have also acquired certain new qualities. We have gained responsibility

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Editorial

CAN A MEDICAL SOCIETY DIE?

It is a well accepted fact that in any organization there is a small nucleus that keeps it going on an administrative level. It is further recognized that attendance at meetings is considered good at fifty per cent of the general membership. If this is true for regular clubs, associations, etc., where the only requirement for membership is the desire to become a member; how much better should a professional society be where its members are exclusively physicians.

While it may be an anthropomorphism to speak of the death of the Medical Society, one cannot but notice the terminal signs of the illness. The wake was held on Tuesday February 21 when only 45 members were present. This number was not nearly enough for a quorum and the Society was frustrated from enacting official business. Following the realization by those present that paralysis had set in, the meeting was reduced to a bull session. Those of us who came found ourselves in the position of the Sunday parishioners who have to sit and listen to a sermon admonishing the wrong people.

This editorial is directed at those who were not present, or better yet, those who regularly miss meetings. Where were you? The excuse that you are too busy is a feeble one. The majority of those present belong to many organizations including many committee obligations to the local hospitals. Notably absent were past officers. Where were all the past presidents, secretaries, etc.? Does the fact that your term in office is over discharge your obligation for life?

But why don't you come? We have heard it said you are tired of listening to the same old thing. What is stopping you from changing the subject when you are there; if you don't come then don't complain. Attendance figures show that more turn out for a meeting when free meals are served. Are you children that you must be bribed into doing things for your own good?

Many words have been written on these pages about this subject but enthusiasm has remained poor. At first we attributed this to apathy but we have since been dumbfounded to find many doctors who apparently read nothing but the ads.

Fortunately the Society is not human and the paralysis is directly proportional to the interest, even death can be reversed if indeed it has died.

as well as rights, obligations as well as privileges. In so many words we have told our fellow physicians that we recognize that we along with them are responsible for the continued health and strength of our society; that we expect to accrue to us those rights and benefits which our predecessors obtained; that we are privileged to belong to this society and to bask in the light of its strength and to work within its positive benefits; and that we are obliged to keep it strong not only for ourselves but for those who will come after us.

No one of us has the right to any action—or lack of it—to weaken our society, for in so doing we weaken ourselves. If our society becomes emasculated by the indifference of its members, who will speak for us? Perhaps, you are willing to let the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare tell you how to practice? Perhaps you would like to have the American Hospital Association or some other similar friend of yours lay down the rules. Maybe you think you can go it alone.

Surely you can see that the medical society is your sole bulwark against our common foes. It must be a great source of interest and satisfaction to them to see you slowly destroying yourselves.

Our only defense against this process of self deterioration is to reverse the process. We must do everything we can to strengthen our society, not weaken it. The first thing to do is get to the monthly meetings so that our society can operate. Make the pledge along with me to attend each month's meeting. There is still time for us to regain our strength, but that time is rapidly getting shorter. Once we are shackled, ladies and gentlemen, "forever slavery" will be our lot in life and will be the heritage which we will bequeath to future practitioners of medicine.

—Harold J. Reese, M.D.,
President

MCMS GIVES "TODAY'S HEALTH" TO SCHOOLS

The public relations committee continues to administer and expand the youth and school program of the Mahoning County Medical Society, which was initiated last year. Realizing the educational value of the AMA magazine, "Today's Health," the committee recently offered to order two-year subscriptions for high schools and junior high schools in Mahoning County and for Youngstown University. To date, twenty-nine schools have taken advantage of the offer.

The medical society had previously placed the book, "Today's Health Guide," in the libraries of twenty-six schools, and had provided 75 guidance counselors with the careers book, "Horizons Unlimited."

The public relations purpose for providing the magazine subscriptions is two-fold. First, it give factual honest medical information for growing minds, and secondly, the ready availability of medical and health information may interest youngsters in a medical career and eventually provide more physicians for the Youngstown area.

NEW COMMITTEE APPOINTED

To conform with a list of suggested committees made up by the Ohio State Medical Association, the Mahoning County Medical Society has added one committee. Newly appointed by the president, it is the Government Medical Care Committee, with Dr. Jack Schreiber as chairman, and the following members: Drs. F. A. Friedrich, J. W. Tandatnick, R. D. Murray and A. K. Phillips.

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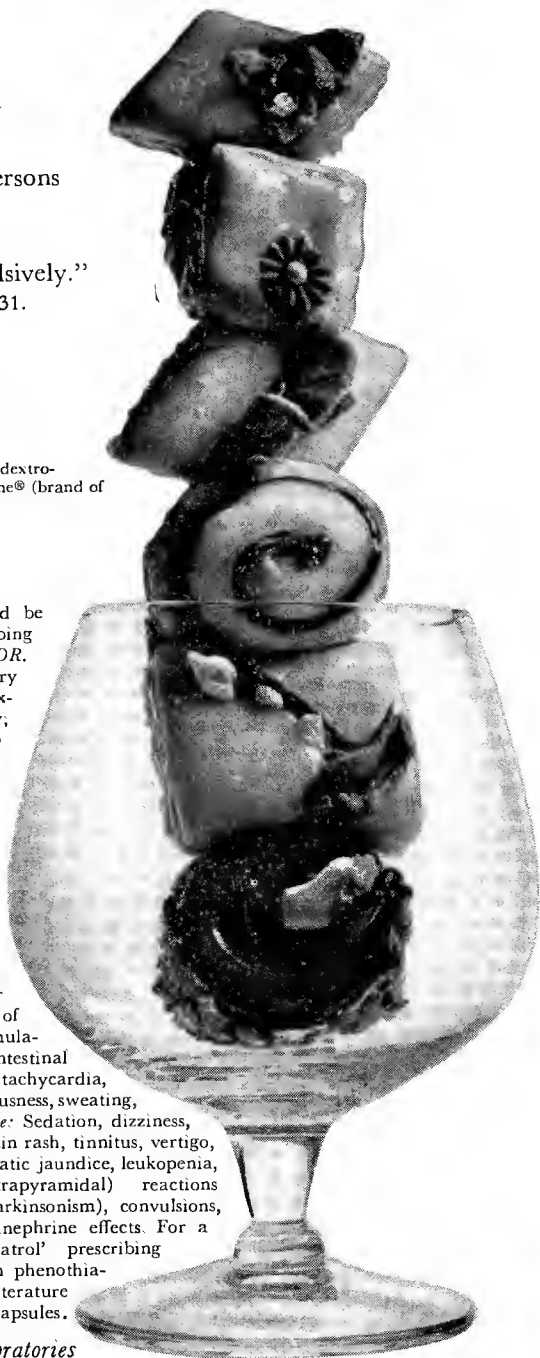
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When we smugly say, "We practice excellent medicine here in our hospitals, as good as any, and better than most", again, how can the detached seeker-after-truth be sure? Truth here is not so simply determined.

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In January of 1965, the Administrator at St. Elizabeth Hospital, at the request of the Executive Committee, engaged the services of the Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities, Inc., located in Ann Arbor, Michigan, to reduce to manageable proportions the task of reviewing over 20,000 charts a year.

Quite briefly, the CPHA, in performance of the Professional Activity Survey (PAS), receives an abstract of the record of each patient discharged. This factual abstract is prepared by a record room clerk. No requirement is made of the physician, except prompt and accurate completion of his own patient's clinical record.

At the headquarters of CPHA, these facts are recorded on magnetic tape, suitable for analysis and arrangement by computer. Monthly, quarterly, and semi-annually abstracts and coded case summaries are sent to the hospital, grouped in a manner to facilitate quick survey and to detect questionable areas and cases, without the review of a single chart.

Review of individual charts still must be done by the proper staff committee, but the number is much reduced. For example, our Surgical Service currently surveys EOR admissions by members of that Service. We could not review all of these charts. We simply tell the record librarian, "We want the records of patients discharged in August, 1) admitted by a surgeon through the EOR, 2) not operated within 24 hours, 3) with an admission temperature below 101, 4) with a haemoglobin of 10 grams or more, 5) with a leukocyte count of 15,000 or below, and 6) without trauma." From the monthly PAS reports, the record librarian can quickly "pull" the charts of the cases which meet the criteria we have set for the survey.

The use of blood transfusion can easily, and has been, surveyed, as has been the use of prophylactic antibiotics.

One month, we noted that 30% of our patients had report of albuminuria. The sensitivity of the test was adjusted.

We have noted that a surgical patient admitted on a Saturday has a longer hospital stay than one admitted on any other day. Consequently, we have revised admission policy somewhat.

Of great value to us is the chance of comparing our practices with those of many other PAS hospitals. Our Utilization Committee has been able to compare our average length of stay with matched cases in the other PAS hospitals. Only the stays of similar patients are compared. For instance, the stay of one of our patients, undergoing herniorrhaphy, who is

a diabetic, over 65, and suffering a postoperative wound infection, would be compared with the average stay of similar patients in other hospitals. This matched comparison should eliminate the patient factor in comparing average hospital stays, allowing the reported figures to reflect only physician and hospital factors. After the stay of matched patients is compared, the computer can easily figure and report the statistical significance of any difference.

There are now over 1000 hospitals using the services of CPHA. This organization now records data on 23% of all discharges from short term, general hospitals in the U.S. and Canada. This gives us an excellent opportunity to see if "We practice excellent medicine here in our hospitals, as good as any, and better than most."

—R. B. McConnell, M.D.

BULLETIN CALENDAR

March 10 through April 15, 1967

March 11	8:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting, St. Elizabeth Hospital
March 13	6:00 p.m.	Medical Death Review, South Unit Dining Room
March 14	7:30 p.m.	Dental Section Meeting, St. Elizabeth Hospital
March 16	8:00 a.m.	Consecutive Case Conference Gall Bladder Disease, R. L. Tornello, M.D., Moderator, Youngstown Hospital Assn.
March 17	1:00 p.m.	Infectious Diseases V.P., A. Braude, M.D., St. Elizabeth Hospital
March 21	1:00 p.m.	Asst. Prof. of Medicine, V. P., L. Shear, M.D., Auditorium, St. Elizabeth Hospital
March 23	8:00 a.m.	CPC, Hitchcock Auditorium, South Unit
	1:00 p.m.	Surgical V.P., Dr. Donald Gann, Auditorium, St. Elizabeth Hospital
March 28	6:00 p.m.	Medical Executive Committee, North Unit Coffee Shop
	6:30 p.m.	Medical Society Council, Mural Room
March 30	8:00 a.m.	V.P. Robert Hickey, M.D., "Tetanus Treatment and Prophylaxis," Youngstown Hospital Association
	1:00 p.m.	Asst. Prof. of Medicine, V.P., B. Fleshler, M.D., Auditorium, Youngstown Hospital Association
April 1	8:00 a.m.	Surgical Section Meeting and Grand Rounds, St. Elizabeth Hospital
April 4	8:30 a.m.	Medical Section Meeting, Auditorium No. 1, St. Elizabeth Hospital
	8:30 a.m.	General Practice Section Meeting, Auditorium No. 2, St. Elizabeth Hospital
	7:30 p.m.	OB-GYN Section Meeting, Medical Library, St. Elizabeth Hospital
	7:30 p.m.	E.E.N.T. Section Meeting, O.T. Room, St. Elizabeth Hospital
April 5	1:00 p.m.	Cardiology V.P., James Leonard, Auditorium, St. Elizabeth Hospital
April 6	8:00 a.m.	Section Meetings, South Unit
	1:00 p.m.	OB-GYN V.P., Roger Scott, M.D., Auditorium, St. Elizabeth Hospital
April 11	6:30 p.m.	Medical Society Council, Mural Room
	7:30 p.m.	Dental Section Meeting, Auditorium, St. Elizabeth Hosp.
April 12	1:00 p.m.	Endocrinology, V.P., T. S. Danowski, M.D., Auditorium, St. Elizabeth Hospital
April 13	1:00 p.m.	Surgical V.P., Theodore Drapanas, M.D., Auditorium, St. Elizabeth Hospital

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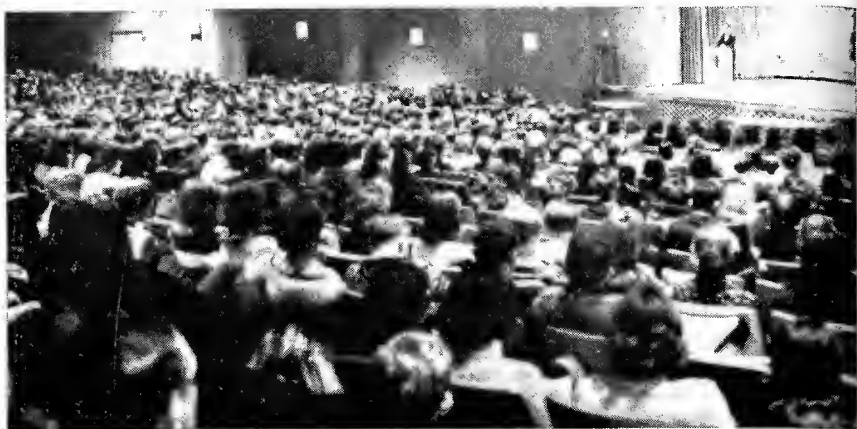
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1200 TEEN-AGERS HEAR MEDICAL LECTURE

The Mahoning County Medical Society, at the invitation of the Industrial Information Institute, produced a medical lecture program for high-school science students that drew a crowd of 1200 teen-agers to the Boardman High School Auditorium, Feb. 6.



Dr. Elias T. Saadi, program chairman, working with the Science Advisory Committee of the Industrial Information Institute, prepared a program on open-heart surgery and catheterization keyed to the high-school level. Dr. Saadi lectured to the students and narrated two films that had been made at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Youngsters attending the lecture came on their own time, giving up an evening for the purpose. Despite 9-degree temperature and slippery roads, they filled the auditorium, coming from as far as Grove City, Alliance and Warren. They were an attentive audience, asked intelligent questions, and greeted the speaker with enthusiasm. It was the largest crowd to attend one of the scientific programs of the Industrial Information Institute to date.

The programs, two a year, are organized by the Science Advisory Committee of the Institute, a committee made up of area science teachers. The first program of the current season was on the subject of computers.

Committee chairman Dr. Albert F. Moritz, a science teacher at Niles McKinley High School, introduced Dr. Saadi. Students were welcomed by Mr. Clifford Eversole, science teacher at Boardman High School. Arrangements were made through Mr. R. B. Collins, executive director of the Industrial Information Institute.

DR. SCHREIBER WINS FREEDOMS MEDAL

Dr. Jack Schreiber recently received one of the nine Freedoms Foundation awards presented to individuals and schools in the Youngstown area.

Dr. Schreiber was named for the award as the result of his speech, "The Last Candle," which he has delivered on a number of occasions. He had not known that the speech was being submitted to the Freedoms Foundation.

The award, consisting of \$100 and the Freedoms Foundation medal, will be presented at an area meeting to be held soon.

In presenting his speech, Dr. Schreiber illustrates his talk with a bit of magic involving disappearing lighted candles. "The Last Candle" to disappear is the one representing the individual's responsibility to provide for himself to the best of his ability.

From the Bulletin



THIRTY YEARS AGO — MARCH 1937

W. G. MacLachlan of the University of Pittsburgh told the Society that Pneumonia was still Captain of the Men of Death and the outlook for its control was gloomy.

The new revised Constitution was published in that issue to be voted on at the March meeting. It provided for incorporation of the Society and made the BULLETIN the official publication to give required legal notice of meetings to the members.

President Fuzy urged the newspapers to stop publishing advertisements of "Men's Specialists", "Dental Specialists", "Cancer Cures" and other nostrums. Gustafson was still going around to schools and clubs talking about "Syphilis". Dr. Poling was concerned about the lack of facilities for care of surgical emergencies in patients with contagious disease.

Doctors were urged by the advertisers to use Eggol (White Drugs) for general debility, Antiphlogistine for pneumonia, Soricin (Merrel) for "fecal toxicity" and Cherry with Guaiacol (Lyons) for coughs and colds.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — MARCH 1947

Dr. Bill Allsop had an article on the new Lincoln Avenue Hospital, the first hospital in the U.S. owned and operated by Alcoholics Anonymous. It is still operating although the old building has been demolished to make way for the expansion of Youngstown University.

A survey conducted by the BULLETIN showed that most hospitalization plans would pay \$4.50 to \$5.00 a day for semi-private and were limited to \$35.00 to \$50.00 for the entire stay. The Pioneer Mutual Hospitalization also known as the Youngstown Hospital Agency would pay \$6.00 a day for 42 days, \$10.00 for operating room, \$5.00 for anesthesia, laboratory and drugs and \$10.00 for X-ray. Hospitalization plans have come a long way since then.

New members that month were: Louis Bloomberg, John LaManna, Stewart Patton, Jr. and Marie Krupko.

TEN YEARS AGO — MARCH 1957

President Ondash said that Youngstown was behind the times not to have a full time, fully qualified Commissioner of Health under a proper board of control with a properly regulated health district.

The campaign for Polio Immunization was in a state of utter confusion. Vaccine was in short supply and conflicting directives came every other day from the Polio Foundation.

Dr. John Heberding died. He was Youngstown's first Roentgenologist. He started as a general practitioner but pioneered in X-ray. At one time he was Roentgenologist for both of our hospitals. He trained Tamarkin and Baker and Ben Brown. His life was devoted to his work, he had no other interest. He was a staunch believer in the independence of professional men from hospital regulation. He left a firm imprint on the progress of roentgenology in this place.

New members that month were: Robert W. Parry, A. W. Geordan, Ben Conrad Berg, Salvatore Squicquero, L. F. Fagnano, Izydor Werbner and Gene D. Fry. All of them have enriched the medical scene in the past ten years.

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DR. KEYES ELECTED HONORARY

At the February meeting, Dr. J. E. L. Keyes, now retired, was elected to Honorary Membership in the Mahoning County Medical Society. For those of his friends wishing to write to him, his address is now: 22199 McCauley Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44122.

MARCH

NEW ACTIVE MEMBER



Dr. B. Patrick Brucoli, a Pediatrician, was born in Youngstown on April 24, 1933. He attended Chaney High School and Ohio State University where he received a B. Sc. degree. His M.D. degree was also received at Ohio State University in 1959.

He interned at Youngstown Hospital Association 1959-1960, and was a resident in Pediatrics at Buffalo Childrens Hospital for two years. He entered the military service as a Captain in the United States Air Force, serving for two years in San Antonio, Texas, and Sacramento, California.

His first practice was in Hamburg, New York, in 1964, and he came to Youngstown in July of 1965. His office is located at 4249 Mahoning Ave. He is a member of the American Board of Pediatrics, and is Assistant Associate Attending Pediatrician at the Youngstown Hospital Association.

Dr. Brucoli is a member of Mahoning Methodist Church. His wife is the former Donna Lee Ankrom, whom he married in 1957, and they have four children, Lynne, Laura, Lisa and Mark. They live at 3248 Susan Circle. Dr. Brucoli's hobbies are fishing, gardening, and tropical fish.

MCMS AND AUXILIARY AT SCIENCE FAIR

Once again the Mahoning County Medical Society will present a fifty-dollar scholarship and a trophy at the Austintown Fitch Tri-County Science Fair. Winner will be the boy or girl having the best exhibit related to medicine.

Judging will be done by a team of three, Dr. John F. Stotler, Dr. John C. Melnick and Dr. Michael J. Vuksta. The award will be presented to the winner by Dr. Stotler.

This year the Auxiliary to the Mahoning County Medical Society will take part in the Science Fair. They will award a \$25 bond to the girl who exhibits the best science project related to nursing.

Date of the Science Fair is Saturday, March 18. Mr. Paul J. Pallante, Fitch chemistry teacher, is manager of the Fair. Judging will be done in the afternoon. Award presentation will begin at 8:00 p.m.

GAMMA GLOBULIN AVAILABLE FROM RED CROSS

An American Red Cross directive has been forwarded to the Mahoning County Medical Society regarding "the availability without charge to physicians and hospitals through Red Cross, of gamma globulin for patients requiring long-term therapy in treatment for agammaglobulinemia and dysgammaglobulinemia.

"Fibrinogen is available for medical authorities at the reimbursement rate of \$20 per unit.

"Request for either derivative should be directed by the physician or hospital to Dr. Evan Stone, Medical Director of the Blood program, Eastern Area, American National Red Cross, 615 North St., Asaph Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314, telephone—area code 202-737-8300.

"Please note that the gamma globulin to be secured in this way is for long-term therapy only and does not cancel out the procedure of securing small amounts for short term use, from the State Health Department through local health departments."

The information was sent to the medical society by Mrs. Laurence D. McPhee, Executive Director, Mahoning Chapter, American Red Cross.

S. Q. LAYPIUS OBSERVES:

Fifty years ago the Uptown District at Market and Indianola Ave. was known as Kyle's Corners. The old Kyle Farm occupied the area from Market Street over to Oak Hill Avenue. When the owner died he provided in his will that a part of the farm be preserved for pasture for his favorite horse and for many years the old white horse could be seen grazing in a pasture where the Mansion Restaurant is now. After the horse died, most of the land was given to the city for a playground which can be entered from Oak Hill at Earle Ave.

Down Indianola Avenue at Glenwood was Fosterville. There was a blacksmith shop there where Ben's Appliance Shop is now. In 1916 the blacksmith saw that times were changing and installed a gasoline pump. This writer would drive up in his spanking new 1916 Hupmobile touring car and say "Fillerup" at eleven cents a gallon. Those days we had touring cars and roadsters. No coupes, sedans or convertibles. A few rich people had limousines.

They talk now about car safety. Cars then were much safer. They had no seat belts, no bumpers, no windshield wipers, no defrosters, no rear view mirrors but they were safer. Why?

Because they were slower. The average driver went 25 miles an hour. Anyone who went 45 was a speeder. A 45 horse power engine was average and 90 horsepower was super.

At Market Street and Midlothian there was a dead end. Market Street Extension, known as the Boardman Road started one block west and ran south to North Lima. It was a brick road on the east side and dirt on the west side. Market and Midlothian Blvd. was known as "Dead Man's Curve" because so many cars failed to make the turn on Midlothian. One night Dr. Sam Sedwitz failed to make it and his car rolled over three times. He walked away unhurt.

Going south down the Boardman Road people would drive on the left, which was brick until they met a car coming north. Then they would get off on the dirt, raising a cloud of dust until the car passed and they could get back on the bricks again. There was not much traffic and they did not need to get off very often.

In downtown Youngstown, parking was no problem. You parked in front of the store and went in. Sometimes on Saturday you had to park in the next block and felt very put out about it. Most people went down town by electric trolley (five cents).

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JERSEY BLUE SHIELD ASKS FEE DECREASE

A recent news item from Trenton, New Jersey, reports that a lawyer "named by the state to represent the public interest," has arrived at a unique suggestion for saving New Jersey Blue Shield from what he terms financial disaster. He asked that doctors voluntarily "roll back" their fees from 5 to 7 percent. Blue Shield had requested a 24.7 rate increase. The public defender, after two days hearings, suggested the compromise of a small rate increase plus the fee decrease.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 14, 1967

The regular meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1967, at the Mural Room, Youngstown, Ohio.

The following physicians were present: H. J. Reese, President, presiding, Louis Bloomberg, G. E. DeCicco, F. A. Friedrich, Henry Holden, R. L. Jenkins, Bertram Katz, W. D. Loeser, R. B. McConnell, R. D. Murray, E. T. Saadi, F. L. Schellhase, C. W. Stertzbach, J. W. Tandatnick, C. K. Walter, and R. G. Warnock. Absent were: L. P. Caccamo, R. R. Fisher, C. E. Pichette, M. C. Raupple, F. A. Resch, Jack Schreiber, and J. F. Stotler.

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bills were read. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that each bill be paid.

The Medical Dental Bureau "any doctor call" report was passed around for every member to see.

The executive secretary reported on disposition of business accruing from the previous council meeting.

Dr. Bloomberg presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Be it resolved: That a Physician's Family Welfare Fund be established by the Mahoning County Medical Society, and

Be it further resolved: That this fund be created by an annual assessment of \$5.00 per member of the Mahoning County Medical Society, and,

Be it further resolved: That this fund be administered by a committee appointed by the President of the Society, and that its expenditures be accounted for and approved by the members of council.

Following discussion, the motion was passed. The motion is to be presented to the membership at the Feb. 21 meeting of the society.

A letter was read from Atty. Bennett indicating that it is legally acceptable to expect the expenses in setting up the Mahoning County Medical Society Foundation to be paid by that Foundation.

A letter was read from Candy Shufflebarger, president of the Medical Assistants Society of Mahoning County, asking permission to attend the March medical society meeting for the purpose of promoting the Medical Assistants Society and sale of tickets for their Annual Benefit Card Party. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that council accept the proposal.

Dr. Stotler's Public Relations Committee report was read by the executive secretary. Dr. Jenkins, chairman for a dinner to be given in honor of outstanding students, outlined the program.

Dr. DeCicco, Indoctrination Committee Chairman, reported on the Jan. 26 meeting with new members.

Dr. Reese reported on the Hospital Committee for Dr. Pichette.

Dr. Reese reported on the success of the Cancer Symposium, held Sunday, Jan. 29.

Dr. Reese introduced discussion concerning availability of X-rays and reports from the TB Sanitorium. Following discussion, it was decided that an Ad Hoc Committee be set up on TB.

It was announced that business at the Feb. 21 meeting, in addition to the measles campaign and the Physicians Family Welfare Fund, would include a presentation by Dr. Murray concerning the council-approved donation of support to the area-wide hospital planning organization.

Dr. Stertzbach read an article from the New York Times concerning Blue Shield doctors in New Jersey being asked to cut their fees for the purpose of saving the Blue Shield program. He suggested that it be reported in the Bulletin.

Meeting was adjourned.

—Howard Rempes
Executive Secretary

FOUNDATION RECEIVES FIRST GIFT

The Mahoning County Medical Society Foundation, organized last year, has received its first gift. Dr. S. W. Chiasson becomes the first benefactor.

Recently Dr. Chiasson spoke before two different groups on medical subject. Although local physicians never make a charge for addressing service clubs, PTAs, etc., very often the group wants to make a gift to the speaker. When Dr. Chiasson was proffered checks on both occasions, he requested that they be made over to the Foundation.

The Foundation Committee expresses thanks to Dr. Chiasson and reminds all members that the Foundation stands ready to receive gifts, donations or bequests for the purpose of helping local students in the pursuit of a medical education.

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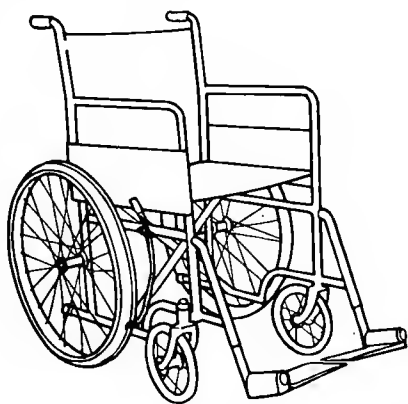
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C. J. Fisher
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March 31

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April 4

R. S. Richards

April 5

L. Bloomberg

April 7

J. C. Hall

April 9

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April 10

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April 12

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April 13

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April 15

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BULLETIN BOARD

Dr. O. H. Lawton has joined the psychiatric staff at Woodside Receiving Hospital. He closed his office in February, after 21 years of private practice.

Dr. Ulrich Boening is the new chief of general practice at Youngstown Hospital Association. He succeeds Dr. Andrew A. Detesco.

Dr. H. S. Banninga has been named chairman of the 1967 Physical Committee of the Central Y.M.C.A. Dr. Wayne Hardin is a member of the committee.

Dr. Leonard P. Caccamo addressed the Struthers Businessmen's Association in connection with National Health Week. Dr. Hugh N. Bennett spoke to the Mill Creek Kiwanis Club on behalf of the Heart Association of Eastern Ohio during Heart Month. Further activity for Heart Month was a special "Spotlight" program over WFMJ with Dr. Angelo Riberi and Dr. Edmund Massullo being interviewed by Mitch Stanley.

Dr. Caccamo, along with Miss Helen Popa, R.N., recently supervised a special 55-hour training course in the care of heart patients for registered nurses at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

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AUXILIARY NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED

The Nominating Committee for the Woman's Auxiliary announces the following nominations for office: President-elect, Mrs. Samuel F. Petraglia; Vice-president, Mrs. Henry Holden; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Vincent T. Wrobel; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Elias Saadi; Treasurer, Mrs. William T. Martin.

Elections will be held at the luncheon meeting, Tuesday, April 11, at the Mural Room.

Members of the Nominating Committee are: Mrs. G. W. Cook, chairman, Mrs. Paul E. Ruth, Mrs. John J. Turner, and Mrs. Sanford R. Weiss.

AMA-ERF CONTRIBUTIONS

The American Medical Association and the Woman's Auxiliary to the Mahoning County Medical Society wish to remind the doctors to make their annual contributions to their medical schools through the Auxiliary.

Checks should be made payable to the "AMA-ERF Auxiliary Fund," and mailed to the Medical Society office, where they will be forwarded to the medical schools. The name of the school should be designated on the lower left hand corner of the check.

GIFT FROM DR. J. E. L. KEYES

The Mahoning County Medical Society has received a gift of old-time ophthalmology equipment from Dr. J. E. L. Keyes, who recently retired from practice. It is anticipated that these may someday be part of a medical museum display of old instruments and old medical books.

The Mahoning County Medical Society office will continue to act as a repository for items of medical historical interest. Anyone knowing of likely additions to the growing collection is invited to phone the medical society office.

DOCTOR

Help stamp out car theft by locking your car!

Message from Safety Council
of Greater Youngstown

—E. June Fisher, Representative
from Medical Auxiliary

BOOK FOR DIABETES PATIENT

Diabetes for Diabetics by George F. Schmitt, M.D., F.A.C.P., Diabetes Press of American, Inc. 30 S.E. 8th St., Miami Florida 33131 (\$5.95 prepaid.)

Realizing the need for educating the millions of diabetics with basic information about their disorder, the author has written this completely different practical guide for diabetics. Dr. Schmitt clearly explains the cause and treatment of diabetes, as well as its complications and problems in simple terms which laymen can understand.

Dr. Schmitt is a member of the Dade County Medical Association. The book is recommended by the Association office.

VENEREAL DISEASE CONTROL — CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO PERIOD COVERED: JANUARY 1, 1966 TO DECEMBER 31, 1966

In columns 1 through 6 the numbers on the left pertain to the V. D. Clinic.
Those on the right refer to the private physicians.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Veneral Diseases	No. of Cases Reported	No. of Cases In- terviewed	No. of Contacts Obtained	No. of Sus- pects & Con- tacts Inves- tigated	No. of Sus- pects & Con- tacts Ex- amined	No. of Sus- pects & Con- tacts Placed Under Treatment	No. of Per- sons Given Nursing Service	No. of Nursing Visits
Syphilis (total) -----	47 93	24 24	43 28	43 376	21 368	20 14	62 1	86 1
Primary and secondary -----	9 8	9 8	29 17	29 17	12 10	11 9	20 0	30 0
Early latent -----	6 12	6 11	5 8	5 9	3 8	3 2	8 1	14 1
Late and late latent -----	11 64	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	2 0	2 0
Congenital -----	2 1	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	4 0	6 0
Stage unspecified -----	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	25 0	28 0
Gonorrhea -----	261 89	152 73	170 20	158 28	82 23	78 17	53 0	70 0
Other venereal diseases -----	1 1	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Epidemiological treatment for syphilis -----	18 8	7 5	8 3	8 3	6 3	6 3	3 0	6 0
						Not Found	-----	39

The heading "Syphilis (total)" of columns 4 and 5 includes patients of private physicians who have received adequate treatment (153) and persons not infected (194).



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PHYSICIANS ON RADIO AND TV

Taking part in "Diagnosis," the Medical Society's radio program over WFMJ during the month of February were:

- Feb. 7: "Heart Month," Dr. W. H. Bunn, Dr. J. A. Ruiz and Dr. A. A. Detesco.
 Feb. 14: "Recent Advances in Heart Surgery," Dr. F. K. Inui and Dr. J. J. Turner.
 Feb. 21: "Recent Advances in Heart Disease and Stroke," Dr. E. T. Saadi and Dr. J. L. Smeltzer.
 Feb. 28: "The Heart Association and Its Contributions to Advanced Treatment of Heart Disease," Dr. J. A. Rogers and Dr. H. N. Bennett.

Taking part in the Thursday segment of "Dateline-Youngstown," over WYTV during the past month were:

- Feb. 2: "Cancer Symposium Review," Dr. H. J. Reese.
 Feb. 9: "Heart Month and Heart Disease," Dr. W. H. Bunn.
 Feb. 16: "Women in Medicine," Dr. Genevieve Delfs.
 Feb. 23: "Venereal Disease," Dr. Henri Schmid and Mrs. Friedl Polk, R.N.

The WFMJ radio program with Mitch Stanley is recorded at 9:15 a.m. and broadcast at 8:05 p.m. each Tuesday. The WYTV program with Charles DeVault is telecast at 10:00 a.m. each Thursday. Ideas for program material should be reported to Dr. John J. McDonough, Radio-TV Chairman.

DR. FISHER EDITORIALIST FOR GP NEWS

Guest Editorialist for February in the "Ohio Family Physician News," was Dr. Robert R. Fisher. The magazine is the official publication of the Ohio Academy of General Practice.

Dr. Fisher's editorial was entitled, "What's Going on in Youngstown?" and gave some background on conditions that have made Youngstown famous recently with nurse strikes and teacher strikes.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BULLETIN

JANUARY, 1967

	Resident		Non-Resident		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Births	84	63	104	82	333
Deaths	90	66	80	51	287
Infant Mortality	5	2	0	0	7

JANUARY, 1966

Births	69	67	111	66	313
Deaths	87	75	59	55	276
Infant Mortality	2	1	2	4	9

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

	1967		1966	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Infectious Hepatitis	2	0	2	0
Tuberculosis	6	1	3	1
Gonorrhea	29	0	20	0
Syphilis	18	0	27	0

VENEREAL DISEASES

	Male	Female	
New Cases			
Syphilis	0	1	
Gonorrhea	15	10	
Total Cases			26
Total (patient) clinic visits			143

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